



Press Release

New Soccer Programme Launches **Total Soccer** **TX: Starts Sunday 24 December at 6pm**

TOTAL SOCCER: PITCH REVOLUTION PART 1 + 2: SUNDAY 24 + 31 DECEMBER @ 6PM

New soccer series kicks-off

On Sunday 24 December at 6pm, e.tv gets the ball rolling with a brand new soccer show called TOTAL SOCCER. This kick-butt series consists of eight one-hour documentary films per year and will consist of compelling football stories in the run up to 2010.

These are the stories of South Africa's transformation, both on and off the field. Each show is produced and directed by acclaimed local documentary filmmakers, who have won awards, nationally and internationally for their work.

Sponsored by *Total South Africa*, a company committed to social investment and developing human potential, TOTAL SOCCER is produced by Little Bird, an international film and television production company of stature.

TOTAL SOCCER will take viewers on a compelling journey over the next four years as it highlights the individual winners and losers, money made and lost and hopes raised and dashed. The first show is a two-part series and is titled PITCH REVOLUTION.

These two one-hour documentaries chronicle the dramatic and turbulent story of the racial integration of football in South Africa between 1969 and 1980. During the early seventies, Apartheid's Separate Amenities Act meant that black and white teams could not compete against each other.

Players of colour were also denied access to the training grounds, facilities and opportunities that were afforded their white counterparts. PITCH REVOLUTION also covers new ground as it tells a story that has never been documented before: the role that soccer played in providing a passage into exile for ANC comrades.

Detailed interviews with Kgalema Motlanthe, the Secretary General of the ANC, and Patson Banda, the legendary Pirates goalkeeper, reveal how cadres such as Jacob Zuma would travel undercover with the likes of Zulu Royals in order to attend secret political meetings at Orlando Stadium.

Pitch Revolution PART 1: broadcast on e.tv on Sun 24th December 2006 at 6pm

Pitch Revolution PART 2: broadcast on e.tv on Sun 31st December 2006 at 6pm

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